



High School's super spellers secure a place in the national semi-finals

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A TEAM of super spellers from Sleaford have secured a place in the final of a nationwide spelling bee.

More than 1,000 schools from across the country entered the Times Spelling Bee and Kesteven and Sleaford High School won the local heat held at Lincoln Cineworld on Thursday, competing against seven other school teams from across Lin-

colnshire.

The High School team comprised Year Seven pupils Nicola Nuttall and Katie Mountford, both aged 12, and Oana Sebedean, 11, with Sophie Enever, 11, reserve.

The team successfully spelt challenging words under pressure such as 'surrogate' and 'jambic'.

Katie said: "It was really awesome and we all enjoyed it."

Teresa Crookes, Head of Year Seven at Kesteven and Sleaford

High School, said: "I'm very proud of the girls, it's a great achievement."

In second place in the local heat were Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, from Horncastle, with The Skegness Grammar School coming third.

The last player standing in the Spelling Bee play off competition was eleven year old Oscar Simpson from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

The High School's team will now go forward to compete in

the Spelling Bee semi-finals later this month for the chance to claim one of the 11 places available for the grand final to be held at IndigO2 in the O2 Arena, London in June.

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Kesteven and Sleaford High School's winning spelling bee team, from left - Nicola Nuttall, Katie Mountford, Oana Sebedean and Sophie Enever.
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